

Schemes of SAI Task Force for Assam

2320. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the specific schemes for Assam recommended by the Task Force in the meeting held on 21st July, 2000 by SAI, with State Secretaries and Directors of Sports of North East;
- (b) whether these recommendations have been accepted by Government; and
- (c) if so, what is the plan of schedule of action for these schemes in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) The Task Force for formulating a composite Action Plan for the development and promotion of Sports- and Youth Affairs in the North-Eastern Region including Sikkim was constituted on 06.03.2000. Its first meeting was held on 19 April, 2000 wherein a decision was taken to constitute two sub-groups *viz.* Infrastructure and Finance Groups to assist the Task Force in the drawal of the Action Plan. The Infrastructure Group has since submitted its report wherein certain recommendations have been made about the requirements of infrastructure in respect of Assam also. This report is, now being referred to the Finance Group for its consideration/recommendation. It is only on receipt of the recommendations of the Finance Group that the Task Force will consider both the reports in unison and will finally make recommendations to the Government.

Shortfall of Coaches in Assam

2321. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that there is a shortfall of 32 coaches in Assam, as per SAI norm;